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- At 0700 hours GMT on 3 June 1955, in the area between Svyatoy Nos and Cape Orlov, there were two medium size naval vessels under tow on a southeasterly course. Both the hulls were alike. Each had a raised forecastle, a two-deck command bridge without a data computer, a slender signal mast at the after edge of the bridge, two slender round funnels, a break in the deck at the forward funnel, and a cruiser stern. One vessel was completely disarmed; the other had gun mounts on the fore-castle and the afterdeck, both of which were single-barreled. 25X1
- At about 1200 hours GMT on 13 July, there was a large naval vessel on a westerly course 20 to 30 nautical miles northeast of Zaizngin Island (N 65-12, E 36-49). It had a large superstructure, and two funnels, and looked brand new. Informant characterized the ship as a SVERDLOV-Class cruiser, and has previously seen several vessels of the same class. 25X1
- At 1200 hours GMT on 17 July, two medium naval vessels and the funnel smoke from a third vessel were observed at a great distance off Letnyy Cape, 60 to 70 nautical miles northwest of Arkhangelsk. Only the bridge, the funnels, and the masts were visible over the horizon, and the following details were observed with binoculars: Both vessels were alike. The top of the bridge was a little higher than the two identical funnels. There was a stout mast with big yards between the bridge and the forward funnel, and a smaller and more slender tripod mast at the forward edge of the after funnel. At 2300 hours GMT on 18 July, there was a vessel on a north-westerly course at a speed of about 25 knots near Svyatoy Nos. It was about 250 to 300 feet long. A and B mounts each had two guns. There was a break in the deck at the bridge, a foremast secured by stays, a radar scanner of the Decca type on an arm on the foremast, a radar dome atop the mast, a funnel, a torpedo mount on the center line, a small tower structure with a pole mast, another torpedo mount on the center line, and two after mounts 25X1

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with two guns in each. (See sketch No. 1.) Between 2230 and 2330 hours GMT on 19 July, a submarine and a surface vessel [redacted] were carrying on maneuvers in the area northwest of Zhinzhgir Island in a position N 65-15, E 36-50. During the exercise the vessels circled around and moved northwestward. They were constantly signalling to each other but the signals could not be read. No firing or use of depth charges or the like was observed. The surface vessel was 200 to 300 feet long, and had a sharply raked stem and a flush deck with a pronounced sheer. It had two forward mounts with an undetermined number of guns in each, a bridge, a tripod mast, a funnel, a torpedo mount on the centerline, a single antiaircraft gun, and an after main battery mount. It had a modern appearance, and probably had a diesel engine, since no smoke was generated with an increase of speed. (See sketch No. 2.) The submarine was a littler shorter than the surface craft.

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4. In Omega, sawmill No. 32 was located on the quay side and No. 34 was situated on the opposite side. Both ends of the quay were undergoing improvement. There was a new permanent lighting installation on the quay. Eight to ten double searchlights with reflectors were mounted on posts. The old railway track from Omega to the sawmill had obviously been out of use for a long time and was partly torn up. On the other hand, there was a new track under construction from Omega to the largest sawmill.

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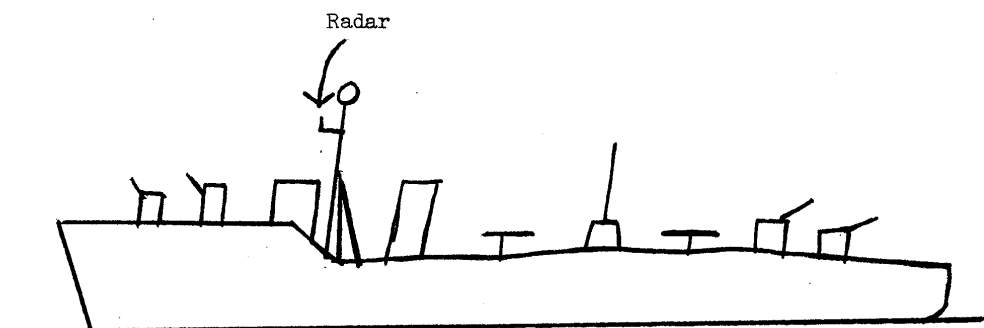
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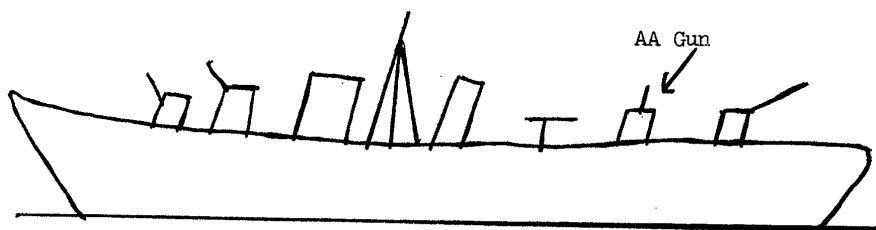
Sketch No. 1

Vessel off Svyatoy Nos



Sketch No. 2

Vessel Maneuvering with Submarine near Zhizhgin Island



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